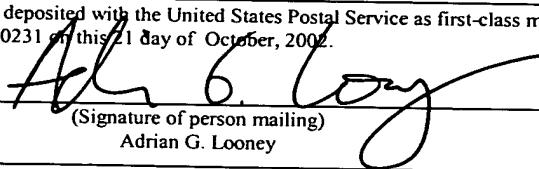




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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 25, 2002 requesting an election in response to the Examiner's restriction requirement in the above-captioned case. A shortened statutory period for response to the July 25, 2002 Action was set to expire one month from the mailing date of the Action, i.e., August 25, 2002. Submitted with this Response is a Petition for Extension of Time requesting that the allowable period for responding to the Action be extended by two months so that it does not expire until October 25, 2002. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.